

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 10-11, 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Brandkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,821).

Claims 1-3

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite, in part, “a processor adapted to receive and recognize archive files from one or more sources and perform operations based on the archive file type, wherein each archive file comprises one or more print jobs that are not in a print-ready format.” Applicant contends that this amendment is supported by the Specification as filed. In particular, print-ready formats are created by device drivers, typically located at a source device. *See*, Specification, paragraph 0002 (“Imaging devices such as printers, copiers, facsimile machines, scanners, plotters, digital projectors, and terminals, require drivers. The drivers are located at the source where requests for job processing are initiated. The drivers translate the job into print-ready format.”). Applicant’s embodiments facilitate the elimination of device drivers at the source. *See*, Specification, paragraph 0012 (“Embodiments of the present invention provide job retention and job manipulation protocol for imaging devices. Files are received at the imaging devices as program files and translated to print-ready format at the imaging devices. The job retention and manipulation protocol enables job storage across multiple devices and the processing of multiple jobs at a single device at one time without the need for device drivers at the source.”). Thus, Applicant has taught methods to facilitate the use of archive files containing print jobs that have not been translated at a source into a print-ready format.

Brandkamp discloses a system in which a job file 60 is created at a client 14 from “a Job Specification 62 and Print Data File 63 expressed in a PDL.” Brandkamp, column 4, lines 45-48. Brandkamp goes on to say that its “PDL of Print Data File 63 is either written in Postscript Registered TM (‘PS’) or Hewlett Packard Printer Control Language (‘HP-PCL’).” Brandkamp, column 4, lines 51-53. Applicant contends that Brandkamp’s PDL is thus a print-ready format as that term is expressly defined in Applicant’s Specification. *See, e.g.*, Specification, paragraph 0017 (“In one embodiment, print-ready format includes Printer Control Language, Post Script

File, graphical language (i.e. Hewlett Packard graphical language), or the like.”). Because Brandkamp teaches creation of a print-ready format prior to creating its job files, Applicant contends that the job files of Brandkamp cannot correspond to Applicant’s archive files as Brandkamp expressly teaches away from including print jobs that are not in a print-ready format.

In view of the amendment of claim 1, Applicant contends that it is patentably distinct from the cited reference. As claims 2-3 include all patentable limitations of claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and allowance of claims 1-3.

Claims 10, 11 and 15

Applicant has amended claim 10 to recite, in part, “receiving an archive file containing one or more print jobs not in a print-ready format.” As discussed with reference to claim 1, Applicant contends that this amendment is supported by the Specification as filed and that Brandkamp fails to teach or suggest at least this limitation of Applicant’s claim 10. Applicant thus contends that claim 10 is patentably distinct from the cited reference. As claims 11 and 15 include all patentable limitations of claim 10, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and allowance of claims 10, 11 and 15.

Claims 16-17

Applicant has amended claim 16 to recite, in part, “receiving an archive file containing one or more print jobs that are not in a print-ready format.” As discussed with reference to claim 1, Applicant contends that this amendment is supported by the Specification as filed and that Brandkamp fails to teach or suggest at least this limitation of Applicant’s claim 16. Applicant thus contends that claim 16 is patentably distinct from the cited reference. As claim 17 includes all patentable limitations of claim 16, this claim is also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and allowance of claims 16-17.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 9, 13-14 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,821) in view of Mastie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,145,031).

Applicant contends that it has shown claims 1, 10 and 16 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Brandkamp. Applicant further contends that the secondary reference of Mastie et al. fails to overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference as discussed with respect to claims 1, 10 and 16. Applicant thus respectfully submits that claims 1, 10 and 16 are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken either alone or in combination. As claims 4 and 9 include all patentable limitations of claim 1, claims 13-14 include all patentable limitations of claim 10 and claims 19-20 include all patentable limitations of claim 16, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claims 4, 9, 13-14 and 19-20.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,821) in view of Venkatraman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,487).

Applicant contends that it has shown claim 1 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Brandkamp. Applicant further contends that the secondary reference of Venkatraman et al. fails to overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference as discussed with respect to claim 1. Applicant thus respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the cited references, taken either alone or in combination. As claim 7 includes all patentable limitations of claim 1, this claim is also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claim 7.

Claims 5, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,821) in view of Mastie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,145,031) further in view of Collard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,988).

Applicant contends that it has shown claims 1, 10 and 16 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Brandkamp and the secondary reference of Mastie et al., taken either

alone or in combination. Applicant further contends that the tertiary reference of Collard et al. fails to overcome the deficiencies of the primary and secondary references as discussed with respect to claims 1, 10 and 16. Applicant thus respectfully submits that claims 1, 10 and 16 are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken either alone or in combination. As claim 5 includes all patentable limitations of claim 1, claim 12 includes all patentable limitations of claim 10 and claim 18 includes all patentable limitations of claim 16, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claims 5, 12 and 18.

Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,821) in view of Collard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,988).

Applicant contends that it has shown claim 1 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Brandkamp. Applicant further contends that the secondary reference of Collard et al. fails to overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference as discussed with respect to claim 1. Applicant thus respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the cited references, taken either alone or in combination. As claims 6 and 8 include all patentable limitations of claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claims 6 and 8.

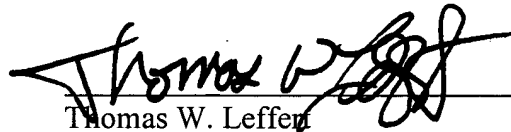
CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 10 and 16 are amended herein. Claims 1-20 are now pending. In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

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